



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

QUINTIN J. BALLENTINE,

Plaintiff,

-against-

POST GRADUATE CENTER FOR MENTAL  
HEALTH and JACOB BARAK,

Defendant.

25-CV-515 (AT) (BCM)

**ORDER REGARDING GENERAL  
PRETRIAL MANAGEMENT**

**BARBARA MOSES, United States Magistrate Judge.**

The above-referenced action has been referred to Magistrate Judge Barbara Moses for general pretrial management, including scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). All pretrial motions and applications, including those related to scheduling and discovery (but excluding motions to dismiss or for judgment on the pleadings, for injunctive relief, for summary judgment, or for class certification under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23) must be made to Judge Moses and in compliance with this Court's Individual Practices in Civil Cases, available on the Court's website at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-barbara-moses>. Parties and counsel are cautioned:

1. Once a discovery schedule has been issued, all discovery must be initiated in time to be concluded by the close of discovery set by the Court.

2. Discovery applications, including letter-motions requesting discovery conferences, must be made promptly after the need for such an application arises and must comply with Local Civil Rule 37.2 and § 2(b) of Judge Moses's Individual Practices. It is the Court's practice to decide discovery disputes at the Rule 37.2 conference, based on the parties' letters, unless a party requests or the Court requires more formal briefing. Absent extraordinary circumstances, discovery applications made later than 30 days prior to the close of discovery may be denied as untimely.

3. For motions other than discovery motions, pre-motion conferences are not required, but may be requested where counsel believe that an informal conference with the Court may obviate the need for a motion or narrow the issues.

4. Requests to adjourn a court conference or other court proceeding (including a telephonic court conference) or to extend a deadline must be made in writing and in compliance with § 2(a) of Judge Moses's Individual Practices. Telephone requests for adjournments or extensions will not be entertained.

5. In accordance with § 1(d) of Judge Moses's Individual Practices, letters and letter-motions are limited to four pages, exclusive of attachments. Courtesy copies of letters and letter-motions filed via ECF are required only if the filing contains voluminous attachments. Courtesy copies should be delivered promptly, should bear the ECF header generated at the time of electronic filing, and should include tabs for the attachments.

6. If you are aware of any party or attorney who should receive notice in this action, other than those currently listed on the docket sheet, please notify Courtroom Deputy Tamika Kay at (212) 805-0228 immediately.

7. Plaintiff is hereby notified that *pro se* parties may file pleadings, letters, and other documents with the Court by using any of the following methods:

- a. **Drop off** the documents in the drop box located in the lobby of the U.S. Courthouse at 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY, 10007.
- b. **Mail** the documents to the Pro Se Intake Unit at 500 Pearl Street, Room 205, New York, New York, 10007.
- c. **Email** the documents to [ProSe@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:ProSe@nysd.uscourts.gov). Instructions for filing documents by email may be found on the Court's website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/prose>.

8. Plaintiff may wish to contact the Federal Pro Se Legal Assistance Project in the Southern District of New York, which is a free legal clinic staffed by attorneys and paralegals to assist those who are representing themselves in civil lawsuits in this court. The project is run by a private organization; it is not part of, or run by, the Court. It cannot accept filings on behalf of the Court, which must still be made by any pro se party through the Pro Se Intake Unit.

To receive limited-scope assistance from the project, parties may complete the clinic's intake form on their computer or phone at: <https://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/federal-pro-se-legal-assistance-project/>. If parties have questions regarding the form or they are unable to complete it, they may leave a voicemail at (212) 382-4794. A copy of a flyer with details about the project is attached to this Order.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to include this Order in the information package to be mailed to plaintiff.

Dated: New York, New York  
February 28, 2025

**SO ORDERED.**



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**BARBARA MOSES**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**